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## SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S MONUMENT DEDICATED

Patriotic Address Delivered By Our Townsman, L. A. Sharp, at the Monument Unveiling Saturday

For a sweetly solemn ceremony we are gathered today on this little elevation, beautiful for situation in this garden of monuments. Each stone tells the world-old story—here lies one who lived and is dead. How like silent sentinels they stand keeping watch and ward over this silent city of sorrows.

Today a new stone joins the white company to tell the same story and yet another and larger tale: a monument to the heroic dead, a tribute to the honored living, who counted their country dearer than their lives, a memorial to the imperishable principles of human rights.

Today is unveiled before our eyes this stately and enduring shaft, an evidence of the gratitude of the citizens of Alma who with the Women's Relief Corps have joined the Wm. Moyer Post, Grand Army of the Republic in perpetuating the memory of courageous men and valiant deeds by grace of which we stand today a free and united people working out the experiment of self-government under the eyes of the civilized world.

Here we rear this stone to tell the story of the struggle for liberty and Union, equality and fraternity, lest we forget that these inestimable blessings were not always ours; to remind us that nearly 140 years ago, with a vision high and wide our forefathers wrote the immortal Declaration of Independence, and to the principles of self-government pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. How firm their foundations! How well they builded! Witness such master workmen as Washington and Adams, Jefferson and Clay, the galaxy of illustrious names which shine as stars in the early years of our nation's history. It reminds us of Washington praying in his tent while his barefooted sentinels paced the frozen earth and snow; of Lafayette, Mad Anthony Wayne and Schuyler, of Bunker Hill and Lexington, Saratoga and Yorktown, and the birth of popular government among the nations of the earth. It reminds us especially of the "Boys of '61" and the greatest and bloodiest fratricidal strife in the history of the world, when from the common people arose a gentle and gigantic figure among the rulers of the earth, and the principles of union and freedom found their invincible champion in the well-beloved and immortal Lincoln. Whittier sang the wrongs of human slavery; Phillips and Garrison with fiery and persuasive eloquence roused the conscience of the north until the clouds of war burst in thunder and flame. A nation rent and torn and drenched in blood, brother fighting against brother in the mad frenzy of civil war. From every spire the bells tolled a requiem; by the hearthstone a vacant chair; husband, brothers, sons and lovers went not never to return. Where their hands had sown wheat and corn, homes and happiness, where peace and plenty reigned, Mars sowed with prodigal hand the little hills of grief where the widow and the orphan followed weeping. "The path of glory leads but to the grave." This shaft will long remind us of Grant and Sherman and Sheridan, of Meade and Hancock and Thomas, of Bull Run, Chancellorsville and Antietam, of the starvation and unspeakable horrors of Libby and Andersonville of Cold Harbor, Appomattox and Gettysburg, carnage following carnage until the God of war, sick with a surfeit of blood, fled away as victory marked the triumph of the rights of man and the shackles fell from the hands of four millions of human beings. At last the bells rang out "Liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants thereof," and for the first time in our history and 90 years after the words were written in the Great Declaration, "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" became "the inalienable right of every man" from the British Possessions to the Mexican gulf, from the eastern ocean to the sundown seas, no north, no south, no east, no west, but one free and united brotherhood under the stars and stripes.

And so it appears that this granite is unique. While all these white sentinels are monuments to the dead, this is a monument to the living in that it stands for the eternal principles of human rights—of liberty, justice and fraternity. Liberty entails responsibility. And because the blessings of freedom and self-government which we have inherited and enjoy today were bought at such enormous cost of treasure and human life, as those in whose honor this memorial is reared dedicated their lives to gain and insure them to us, we also must dedicate our lives to their preservation and enlargement, that the priceless heritage may be passed on to our children and the generations yet unborn.

In so doing we pledge ourselves to the principles of honorable peace. War means waste; and waste means not only of our wealth but of our most precious possessions. The average age of the men in our navy today is only 21 years. Of all the men enlisted in the Union

Army during the civil war numbering 2,778,304, less than one-fourth were over 21 years of age. Well are they called "the boys of '61?"

What a slaughter of young manhood, the flower of our country, the hope and treasure of our hearts and homes! War takes the fittest in body, mind and spirit and leaves the less fit at home to propagate the race. It is recorded that the average stature of Freshmen decreased an inch after the close of the Napoleonic wars.

Peace means prosperity; and the sun never shone on a land which has seen such wonderful development and prosperity as we have enjoyed since the blue and the gray clasped hands and the north and south were reconciled. Let us not forget that might never makes right; that questions are never settled till they are settled right. Differences will ever arise between men and between nations, but we are all conscious that the right and wrong, the justice and equity of any contention, whether between individuals or nations can never be determined by physical means, by the arbitrament of the sword, but rather by getting together and talking it over in a fair and friendly spirit. The Lord is not always on the side of the heaviest battalions. Napoleon said He was, and St. Helena was the answer.

Nearly 2000 years have passed since over the plains of Bethlehem the angels sang to a world dominated by the sword "Peace on earth, good will among men," the advent of the Prince of Peace, the hope of the world.

"Slow rise the souls of men up from the dark, The murky dark of self and sin and care; Slow comes that perfect manhood's morn whose spark Is caught from God and fanned by faith and prayer."

Aye, slowly they rise, but they rise. More and more the nations are referring their differences to peaceful arbitration where calmly and dispassionately justice and equity may be established. And it remains for us by thought and feeling in spirit and in truth, by word and deed, to hasten the day when nations shall learn war no more, when the millions of money for which we are now taxed to provide armament which is soon obsolete, may not be required at our hands, or may be used for public improvement and the betterment of the conditions of our common life: When, indeed, "Swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks." Slowly up the corridors of time comes a beautiful figure in robes of white, in her hand an olive branch and behind her the standard bearers of all nations keeping step to the music of their own voices singing the grand anthem of universal peace.

We here dedicate this monument to our patriot soldiers dead; to the patriot soldiers living, 100 of whom are joining the silent majority every day; to the eternal principles of popular government which they established and to which we here dedicate ourselves that this "Government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

And may Almighty God in whom we trust add His benediction.

FOR PROF. ELLSWORTH

Teachers Gave Banquet At High School Saturday

Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Ellsworth and daughter, Ruth, were guests of honor at a banquet given by the teachers of the public schools Saturday evening. The banquet was served at seven o'clock in the domestic science room of the high school and was in four courses. Flags in abundance were used for decoration in the room while small flags, red and white candles and spiraea formed the table decorations. Following the banquet proper, games were played in the gymnasium and the teachers presented a leather upholstered chair to Mr. Ellsworth, while Mrs. Ellsworth received a silver fork and a silver spoon. The former teachers who had taught under Prof. Ellsworth were invited and the Misses Allene Brown and Pearl Turner of Ewart and H. B. Ward of the University of Chicago were present.

Mrs. Ada Yerington of New York City, a former Alma resident is a guest of Mrs. C. F. Brown this week.

Prof. Tieg and Miss Anna Hamilton of Shepherd were entertained at the home of Mrs. Edna Kelly Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Smith was a guest at the Notre Dame Junior Hop at South Bend Indiana Monday evening.

## REPUBLICAN WARD CAUCUSES.

Republican Ward Caucuses for the City of Alma, Michigan, will be held on Monday, June 8, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. standard time, at the following places:

First Ward—City Hall  
Second Ward—First Ave., north of U. S. Express office.  
Third Ward—Reading room, Hotel Arcadia.

Fourth Ward—Wright House Sample room.

For the purpose of electing ten (10) delegates in each of said wards to attend the city convention to be held Wednesday evening, June 10, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock, standard time, at the said City Hall and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the caucus.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.  
Dated June 3, 1914.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Alma College Team Played Olivet Last Friday

Alma College broke even with Olivet in the district tennis tournament Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Alma won the girls' singles and doubles and lost the boys' singles and doubles.

Miss Cook won the singles with a count of six-love, and six-two, defeating Miss Packard of Olivet. Miss Cook and Miss Ritter defeated Misses Butterfield and Packard, count six-two, and six-three. They won the first two sets each match. The boys did not succeed so well against the tall, supple Mr. Lancaster, who defeated Maurice Cole, six-one and a six-love set. Cole and Higby lost to Knapp and Lancaster, a match, winning one set, six games to four, and lost, 8-6 and 6-3.

The intercollegiate finals will be played at Albion, June 5 and 6. Rev. Mason judged the men's and Father Mulvey the ladies' matches.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning Service 10 o'clock.  
Sermon: "Union with God."  
The Lord's Supper will be observed.  
Sunday School 11:30.  
Junior Union 3 o'clock.  
B. Y. P. U. Meeting 6:30.  
Topic: "The Purity Verse," Matt 5:8.  
Evening Service 7:30.  
Sermon: "How shall we work the works of God?"  
Church Prayer Meeting Thursday Night 7:30.

All are cordially invited to these services.

## IN HONOR OF MISS HAEFLIGER

Miss Marie Haeffliger whose wedding to Mr. Stanley Graves, of Detroit, takes place this month, has been the guest of honor at some of the social affairs of the past week.

Saturday afternoon the Misses Sharp, entertained with a tea and handkerchief shower. A "Jack Horner Pie" bearing a clever parody on "Sing a Song of Sixpence" was presented Miss Haeffliger who found as the contents of the pie, numerous packages each containing a dainty handkerchief.

Mrs. Francis King gave a one o'clock luncheon for eight guests Monday afternoon in complement to Miss Haeffliger.

Mrs. J. T. Ewing is the hostess at a six o'clock dinner this evening at which Miss Haeffliger will be the honored guest.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Haeffliger and a few of her friends were guests of Mrs. R. H. Wilcox at tea at her home on State St.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

May 28—Ben C. Johnson, 21; Ithaca, baker; Pearl F. Leslie, 20, Fulton township, teacher.

May 26—Claude L. Evitts, 21, Pompeii, farmer; Zella E. Walker, 22, Pompeii, phone operator.

May 28—Stanley Baker, 21, Ithaca; Anna Worden, 20, Alma.

May 28—Raymond L. Johnson, 22, Detroit; Belvia June Doty, 19, St. Louis.

June 1—Darcy Moon, 26, Pompeii; Bertha Vosburg, 21, Pompeii.

I. O. O. F. Memorial Day

The I. O. O. F. Lodge will observe their annual Memorial Service Sunday afternoon and have invited the Rebekah, K. of P., Pythian Sisters, Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbor Lodges to join them. The lodges will meet at their respective halls and march to the Methodist church at two o'clock, where the service will be held. Rev. T. G. Brownlow will give the address and the Wright Quartette will sing. Following this service they will march to Riverside Cemetery to decorate the graves of the deceased members.

## LIVES LOST AT SEA SINCE TITANIC SANK.

Following are notable losses of vessels at sea since the Titanic disaster in which loss of life occurred: April 30, 1912—S. S. Texas (United States) sunk by submarine mine in Gulf of Smyrna; 71 lives lost.

July 15, 1912—S. S. Gracie Castle abandoned on fire at sea in southern Pacific. Captain and 14 of the passengers and crew reached Port Stanley in safety. Mate in other lifeboat lost with 7 of crew.

Oct. 2, 1912—British submarine B-2 sunk in collision by S. S. America off Goodwin Sands; 14 lives lost.

Oct. 17, 1912—S. S. Fagundes Valeria abandoned on fire off coast of Brazil; 15 lives lost; remainder of crew saved through wireless by S. S. Asiatic Prince.

Nov. 17, 1912—S. S. Commodore lost after off Nuevitas; 1 of crew drowned.

Nov. —, 1912—S. S. Morien lost with all on board some time in month. Believed to have struck an iceberg.

Dec. 22, 1912—S. S. Florence went ashore in hurricane on coast of Nova Scotia near Halifax; 22 lives lost.

Jan. 7, 1913—S. S. Julia Luckenbach sunk in collision in Tangier sound, Chesapeake bay; 20 lives lost.

Jan. 7, 1913—S. S. Rosecrans struck rocks off the coast of Oregon and was lost with all on board.

Jan. 7, 1913—S. S. Cheslake went ashore off Van Andra, north of Vancouver, B. C.; 4 lost. Others of crew rescued by S. S. Camoran, summoned by wireless.

Jan. 7, 1913—Steam yacht Huntress sunk by gasoline explosion off Cape Canaveral, Fla.; 5 lives lost.

Jan. 17, 1913—S. S. El Dorado reported lost in Gulf of Mexico with all on board.

S. S. Jura sailed from Baltimore Nov. 20, 1912. Fragments of boat picked up Jan. 18, 1913. Ship believed lost with all on board.

S. S. Therese Horn, from Port Arthur to Rotterdam, reported lost with all on board.

May 11, 1913—S. S. Commercio foundered in hurricane off coast of Luzon, P. I.; 15 lives lost.

S. S. Wymeric, from Barbados for Guayaquil, believed lost in strait of Magellan about June 20 with all on board.

Oct. 10, 1913—S. S. Voltorno abandoned on fire at sea in mid-Atlantic; 12 lives lost; remainder of passengers and crew saved by wireless calls for help.

S. S. Bridgeport, Montreal to Sydney, believed lost with all on board in Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Nov. 20, 1913—S. S. Leaflet, on Lake Superior, reported lost with all on board in gale.

Jan. 4, 1914—S. S. Oklahoma broke in two in gale fifty miles south of Sandy Hook; 29 lost.

Jan. 6, 1914—S. S. Adella, from Corral for Hamburg, Nov. 27, believed lost in strait of Magellan with all on board.

Jan. 20, 1914—S. S. Monroe sunk in collision on Virginia capes; 40 lives lost.

May 29, 1914—S. S. Empress of Ireland, sunk in collision with collier Storstad in St. Lawrence river; 1,000 lives lost.

Memorial Day never dawned brighter in Alma than it did last Saturday and with nature and citizens co-operating the day was ideal. The program printed in last week's Record was carried out in detail.

During the forenoon the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. visited the cemeteries in the county near Alma and decorated the graves of the dead members.

The program began at two o'clock in Realty Opera house with a prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Mason and was followed by recitations and music given by C. W. Davis and the Wright Quartette. Hon. Perry Powers of Cadillac gave the Memorial Day oration. Mr. Powers is a splendid speaker and his address at Alma was a masterful plea for the cultivation of the things which Memorial Day stands for—sacrifice, loyalty and heroism. These qualities, he said, are not shown on the battlefield alone but in everything tending toward the betterment of mankind.

Every life has its memorial days, the higher type of manhood is blest with the most memorials. Life in its highest form is sacrifice, sacrifice for humanity and sacrifice is inspired by God so as citizens and as a nation we must make sacrifice and must recognize and observe life's memorial.

The audience sang America to conclude the program and Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow made the closing prayer.

Senator and Mrs. King motored to Saginaw Monday. They were accompanied by Miss Pomeroy, sister of Mr. King, who after a week's visit in Alma took the train in Saginaw for her home in Chicago.

Mrs. John Chick is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Grover at Elsie.

## REPUBLICAN CITY CONVENTION.

To the Republican Electors of the City of Alma:

A Republican convention is hereby called to meet at the city hall, Wednesday Evening, June 10, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Justice of the Peace to fill vacancy and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. Each of the four wards is entitled to representation by ten delegates.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.  
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UNITED BRETHREN.

There will be the regular services next Sunday morning. Two weeks from this time is missionary Sunday. Everybody is earnestly invited to these services.

E. C. CLAPP, Pastor.

## THAT TUG OF WAR!

Freshmen Too Much For Sophomores Who Went Into the Drink

The Fresh-Soph tug of war Monday ended with the Freshmen victorious. They were a little nervous, excited and impetuous and started pulling a fraction of a second before the gun report and gained advantage, they were also pulling down hill and had a convenient knoll to brace themselves against, however the big over-grown freshmen farmers pulled the more sedate, studious and smaller sophomores through the Pine and the Sophs in order to save the lives of the citizens of St. Louis sacrificed themselves to be drawn through the water thereby leaving it as clean and clear as it was before. A good crowd was in attendance and the interest was evident in all.

METHODIST NOTES.

First, Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, Minister. Parsonage, 724 State St. Union phone No. 43.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

9 A. M.—Love Feast.

10 A. M.—Preaching Service. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Baptismal Service will be observed. New members will also be received.

11:30—Bible School.

6:30—Epworth League. Harold Redman, Leader.

7:30—Special Service in charge of the young people. Special music.

7:30 Thursday evening, Prayer meeting.

Monday evening the regular quarterly conference was held in the church vestry. Rev. Arba Martin, the district superintendent was present and plans were made for the summer's work.

The Epworth League business meeting was held in the church Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ezra Smith's S. S. Class of young men met Tuesday evening at the church and laid plans for important work to be undertaken immediately.

The parsonage has received a second coat of paint, a steel gray with white trimming which adds greatly to the appearance of the pastor's home.

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Resolved: That we sincerely condole with the family of our brother and commend them for consolation to Him who "Doeth all things well."

ANNA WOOD, IDA HUBBEL, GEORGE TITUS, Grange Committee.

Fire at Laycock Home

Sunday morning between ten and eleven o'clock while Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Laycock, living southwest of Alma, were in the city fire broke out in their woodshed. Their daughter who was at home saw the smoke and called neighbors and her parents by telephone so that assistance was soon at hand. The flames were extinguished quickly and the damage does not exceed \$10. Previous to leaving home Mr. Laycock burned a worm's nest from a nearby apple tree and it is tho't a spark lodged on the shed and later caused the blaze. Mr. and Mrs. Laycock are very grateful to the citizens of Alma who went out in automobiles and to the neighbors who so kindly helped them.

Dr. Blaisdell of Alma College occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at St. Louis last Sunday.

## DEDICATORY EXERCISES MONDAY EVENING

Fitz James Lodge No. 95 Knights of Pythias Now Have One of the Finest Halls In Central Michigan

It will be remembered that at the time of the fire in the Pollasky block last February, Fitz James Lodge, Knights of Pythias were among the heaviest losers their lodge and club rooms being the center of the conflagration. Immediately after the insurance adjustment the officers of the lodge commenced making plans for a new home, the result of their efforts were apparent last Monday evening when in response to invitation received a large number of our citizens gathered at the lodge headquarters in the Pollasky block and not only enjoyed the dedicatory exercises which were held that evening but inspected one of the best equipped Pythian halls in this part of the State. Castle Hall in addition to the lodge room proper is equipped with a dining room sufficiently large to accommodate 75 or more at one sitting. A kitchen amply large and equipped with cupboards for dishes as well as stove and other paraphernalia necessary to be used in preparing the elaborate feeds and banquets for which the Pythian Knights and Sisters have the reputation of furnishing from time to time.

The club room which is one of the attractive rooms of the suite is beautifully decorated and supplied with billiard

and pool tables for the use of the members. The following program was presented Monday evening:

Welcome, Chancellor Commander, Ezra L. Smith.

Dedication Service, by Grand Chancellor, H. E. VanDeWalker and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Vocal Solo—Hira C. Moore.

Recitation—"The day after father rode the goat."—Master Harold Peery.

Instrumental Music—Miss Spinnery.

Address, Our City—Hon. A. P. Cook, Mayor.

Address, Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters—Mrs. Anna Jenne.

Address, Past Grand Chief—Mrs. Mary Lockhead.

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Following the program the dining room was thrown open and refreshments were served by the members of the order. Social conversation, dancing and other means of diversion occupied the attention of the guests until the time came for them to wend their way homeward. The members of Fitz James Lodge are to be congratulated upon the possession of such beautifully and handsomely equipped lodge rooms.

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The students in our great universities are not only studying the liquor problem, but are taking an active part in the warfare against the traffic. The Harvard students entered enthusiastically into the Cambridge no-liquor campaign. The Wisconsin State University students canvassed the voters, served at the polls and circulated literature.

In Los Angeles there are one hundred college men enlisted for the summer in the California state-wide battle. The University of North Dakota has decided to offer a temperance course during the first semester next year. One credit will be given and one hour a week occupied by the course.

Lectures will be given by prominent men who are interested in the various phases of the liquor problem.

Sixty men of Michigan Agricultural College have petitioned the faculty to offer a course in the study of the liquor problem with college credits.

MRS. J. H. FLEMING, June 1, 1914. Per. J. S.

## WRIGHT HALL OPEN HOUSE

Last Saturday evening the instructor and student residents of Wright Hall observed their "Annual Open House."

The visitors were graciously received at the door by the young ladies and conducted through the Hall, of which every room was thrown open for inspection. Later the visitors were invited to the campus back of the Hall where a Japanese sketch was given in Japanese dialect. Prof. R. F. Veatch, the master of the house, also sang the Japanese Sword Song. Japanese lanterns were used in profusion and refreshments were served at small tables on the grounds.

Two Alma Public School Seniors Married in Bay City

Miss Mabel Keene, who was visiting friends and relatives in Saginaw last week, was joined in that city by Merritt B. Miller and the two were united in marriage last Thursday by the pastor of the First Methodist church of that city.

Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Keene who reside on State street, while the groom, Merritt Miller, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller of Park avenue. Both the young people, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, are numbered among the popular students of the Alma High School and are both members of this year's graduating class.

Their marriage came as a complete surprise to their hosts of friends throughout the city. So carefully did they conceal their intent that their parents were not admitted into the secret until their return from Bay City. The Record wishes them much joy.

GRADUATE RECITAL.

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